

Lifting the cross-ownership ban to allow further media consolidation will not serve the public interest.

Besides the wholly predictable result of a single company controlling a town's TV stations, radio stations, cable company and only newspaper, critics warn that elimination of this rule will essentially signal the absorption of the newspaper business into the television industry, with a negative impact on the quality of print journalism. Newspaper companies see this as a way of saving money, giving an indication that the newly merged megacompanies would provide communities with less news, not more.

Please do not allow this important ban to be altered any more than it already has. Democracy needs more information to flourish, not less.

Thank you,  
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